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To Whom It May Concern:

We strongly oppose government enforced insurance coverage upon American citizens, especially for drugs and devices having an ability to cause abortions (such as ella and Plan B).

Please rescind the unjust and coercive language mandating private health care coverage for all contraceptives and sterilization procedures and instead endorse the expansion of conscience protections for organizations providing individual and group insurance that have moral or religious objections.

Please reconsider your definition of 'religious employer', offering an authentic conscience protection for any organization or business having moral or religious objections to providing such insurance to their employees, rejecting a government mandate that clearly violates the spirit of conscience laws prohibiting government discrimination against those who object to various health services on moral or religious grounds.

The definition of 'religious employer' within this regulation is so narrow as to only include churches, omitting a host of businesses and other organizations having conscience objections, forced to choose between violating their conscience or the inability to offer employee health insurance coverage.

Please protect the conscience rights of insurers, providers, and people who object to being forced by the federal government to offer or subsidize contraceptives and sterilization services, most especially because some of these drugs may end the lives of unborn children.

American citizens should not be forced by their government to essentially subsidize services they object to, again urging you in the strongest possible terms to reverse course, removing contraceptives and sterilization methods from the list of mandatory preventive services.

Sincerely,
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